

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is requested. Claims 8, 9, 11, 12, 14 and 15 are active in the application subsequent to entry of this Amendment.

Instructions are given above to cancel claims 10, 13 and 16 as directed to non-elected subject matter; *see* item 1 of the Official Action. This action is taken without prejudice to a divisional application directed to the subject matter of these claims.

The examiner's attention is invited to the Information Disclosure Statement filed January 12, 2004. Please take this into account when further examining this application and note that authorization is given, if necessary, to charge any relevant fees to our deposit account to assure consideration and entry of the IDS.

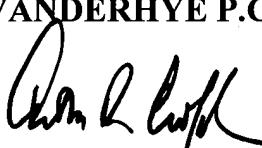
In the Official Action the claims remaining in this application have been rejected on the basis of the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-2 of commonly assigned U.S. patent 5,591,777.

Submitted with this response is a Terminal Disclaimer in respect to the present application as well as evidence demonstrating common ownership between (1) the parent of this application and (2) the '777 patent. By this action all of the issues raised in the outstanding Official Action have been resolved and claims 8, 9, 11, 12, 14 and 15 are in condition for allowance. Favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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